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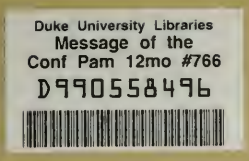
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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., January 17, 1863.

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a copy of an official report recently made by Colonel Imboden, asked for in a resolution of the House of Representatives, on the 15th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

LETTER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., January 17, 1863.

His Excellency, THE PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor to enclose a copy of the official report recently made by Colonel Imboden, in reference to the outrages perpetrated by General Milroy, upon the patriotic people of the Northwestern and Valley districts of Virginia, in response to a resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 15th instant.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

REPORT OF COLONEL IMBODEN.

HEADQ'RS C. S. TROOPS ON SHENANDOAH MOUNTAINS, VA., December 9th, 1862.

His Excellency, THE PRESIDENT:

SIR: Day before yesterday, Mr. Job Parsons, a citizen of Tucker county, in this State, personally well known to me as a man of the highest respectability, came to this camp to enlist under my command. He was pursued by eight of the enemy's cavalry for many miles, but his superior knowledge of the mountains enabled him to elude his pursuers and escape. He handed me the enclosed *original* papers, which had been "served upon" him by the military authorities at St. George. A similar assessment was made on Mr. Parson's father for $300, and on another relative for $700, and payment coerced under the same diabolical threats. The pretext of "robberies of Union men by bands of guerillas," is a falsehood. The fact is, that *Union* men have conspired to run off each other's horses to Pennsylvania, where they are secretly sold, the owners afterwards setting up a claim for reparation on the false ground that "guerillas" have robbed them.

I enclose this evidence of the atrocity of General Milroy, for such action as your Excellency may deem expedient in retaliation, either as a restraint upon this savage, or a punishment, should his horrible threat ever be carried into execution.

This is only one of a thousand barbarities practiced here in these distant mountains, of which I have almost daily heard for the last four months. Oh, for a day of retribution!

With the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed.) JOHN D. IMBODEN,
Colonel commanding.

ORDERS OF GENERAL MILROY.

St. George, Tucker Co., West Va., November 27th, 1862.

Mr. Job Parsons, (*son of Abraham*):

You are hereby ordered to report in person or by your representative, at my headquarters in St. George Court-House, on the 28th of November, 1862, to attend to business of vital importance to yourself. And in case of your failure to comply with the above order, you must suffer the penalty.

By order of Brigadier General R. H. Milroy.

(Signed,) Captain HORACE KELLOGG,
Post commandant.

St. George, Tucker County, Va., November 28th, 1862.

Mr. Job Parsons, (*son of Abraham Parsons*):

Sir: In consequence of certain robberies which have been perpetrated upon Union citizens of Tucker county, Va., by bands of guerillas, you are hereby assessed to the amount of fourteen dollars and twenty-five cents, ($14,25) to make good their losses; and upon your failure to comply with the above assessment, by paying the money over to me by the first day of December, 1862, the following order will be executed, viz:

"If they fail to pay at the end of the time you have named, *their houses will be burned and themselves shot*, and their property all seized; and be sure that you carry out this threat rigidly, and show them that you are not trifling or to be trifled with.

"You will inform the inhabitants for ten or fifteen miles around your camp, on all the roads approaching the town, upon which the enemy may approach, that they must dash in and give you notice, and that upon failure of any one to do so, their houses will be burned and the men shot."

By order of Brigadier General R. H. Milroy.

(Signed,) Captain HORACE KELLOGG,
Commanding post.

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